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Hon. Michael Kubayanda  
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901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200  
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**Docket number: MC2021-78**

Dear Hon. Michael Kubayanda,

As you know, many educational book companies such as Scholastic Book Club provide affordable books to millions of educators, students, and families across the country. By keeping prices affordable, we they make it possible for all families to participate in reading/book programs and for every child to discover a love of reading—helping to prepare them for success in school and in life.

Currently, the United States Postal Service has asked the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) to approve revised rate categories that would *dramatically* increase shipping costs on educational materials and negatively impact book seller's ability to offer low-cost books and reward programs that help teachers and families build their libraries. This means that the empowering and transformative experience of reading and having a book of their very own would be out of reach for a large number of children in the communities we serve.

As a teacher for over 35 years, I have depended on educational book sellers and book clubs to build my classroom library and put books into the hands of my students. I often stock up on the \$1.00, \$2.00, and \$5.00 deals so that more students can have books in their hands. If the rates went up, the costs to buy these books would go up and children and classrooms would suffer.

Do not approve the PRC rate hike on educational materials. Let's support children for once!

Sincerely,



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